

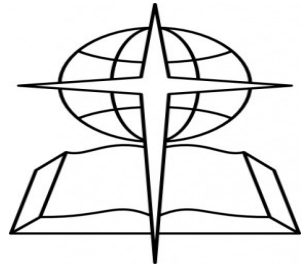
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Weekly Bulletin

91 Years of Service

December 6, 2015

A Thought From Mark...

A man who was unemployed for several months got a job with Public Works. His job was to paint lines down the center of a rural road. The supervisor told him he was on probation and that he would have to stay at or above the set average of 2 miles per day to remain hired. The man agreed to the conditions and started the next day.

The supervisor checked the very first day and found that the man had completed 4 miles. "Great," he thought, "this man will work out." The next day he found that the man only did 2 miles but the supervisor thought, "Well, he is still at the average and I don't want him to get discouraged." The third day however the man only did 1 mile and the boss thought, "I need to talk to him."

The boss pulled his new employee aside and said, "Son, you were doing great, the first day you did 4 miles and the second day 2 miles, but yesterday you only did 1 mile. Why? Is there a problem? An injury, equipment failure, anything at all keeping you from meeting the 2 mile minimum?" The man replied, "Well, I keep getting farther and farther from the bucket."

Hmmm...yes indeed. Getting farther from the bucket. He might not have been the brightest employee ever, but he was honest.

Are we so honest? God is our source of energy and enthusiasm and ability to complete the task set before us. How easy it is to set Him aside and go in our own strength and try to do what we have been called to do! And how dumb! We laugh at the man in the story above - not smart enough to take his paint bucket along with him, but aren't we tempted to do the same thing?

***"God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help..."***

• Psalm 46:1

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***"I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me."***

- Philippians 4:13

- Mark Mason

Reading the Bible

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?"

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket," and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!"

"So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean. "Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.

That is the work of God in our lives. To change us from the inside out and to slowly transform us into the image of His son. Take time to read a portion of God's word each day.



FAMILY TIME MEMORY VERSE

MEMORY VERSE FOR LAST 2 WEEKS

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” – (Philippians 4:4-7)

MEMORY VERSE THIS WEEK

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” – (Proverbs 3:5-6)

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH SERVICE

WHEN: TONIGHT– 6:00 PM

THEME: Zacchaeus



⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” – Luke 19:5

SPEAKER: Mike Moss

SONG LEADER: Stephen Walker

NOTES: We will ask everyone to sit in the main two sections of the auditorium. All of the youth are invited to sit up on the front few pews.

The songs and the devotional will have more of a youth focus, but this will be a night that will be fun and beneficial to people of all ages!

Hope to see EVERYONE there!

Prayer Requests

Hospital

Rachel Logan (granddaughter of Betty Logan) is out of ICU, but still in the hospital in Charleston and now receiving dialysis.

Prayer List

Jim Hart continues to have health issues. Keep him and Anna in your prayers.

Chuck Doyle is undergoing treatments again and not feeling well. Cards can be sent to him at 3601 11th Ave., Vienna WV 26105.

Shirley Dotson has another skin cancer surgery scheduled in Morgantown on tomorrow.

Helen Sweeney continues to have brief hospital stays due to complications from previous surgeries/treatments. Please keep her and her sister, who has memory problems, in your prayers.

Shirley Eckhart is recovering from knee surgery.

Jimmy Smith (husband of a co-worker of Jim Shuman) had emergency surgery Thanksgiving Day returned home this Thursday.

Betty Porter is recuperating at home from heart problems. Her address is 2523 David Lee Drive, Parkersburg WV 26101.

Rob Shuman (brother of Jim and nephew of Bob & Glenna Schott) is undergoing tests for health problems.

Becca Simons met with a specialist at Cleveland Clinic recently. She is scheduled to go back January 8th for tests. Your continued prayers are requested.

Roberta Monroe (acquaintance of Ann Grimm) 93-yr old resident of Harmar Place. Ann requests prayers/cards be sent. Address on foyer bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE FOR MINGO COUNTY

Thank you!

Food was delivered using our church van on Tuesday. There is a food pantry holding it until the designated families can pick it up for Christmas.



“In Search of The Lord’s Way”

(WTAP-TV Sundays @ 7:30 AM)

Dec. 13 – “DESIGNED BY GOD”

Is this world designed by an intelligent and loving God, or have we come into being by accident or chance? Is there evidence of an intelligent designer creating us or did we evolve from non-living matter?

Sun.—Dec. 6	Mon.— Dec. 7	Tues.— Dec. 8	Wed.— Dec. 9	Thurs.— Dec. 10	Fri.— Dec. 11	Sat.— Dec. 12
<i>Early Men's Class 7:30 AM</i>	<i>Elders and Deacons Meeting 7 PM</i>	<i>Ladies Bible Class 10 AM— Mary Beth Full</i>	<i>Bible Class (1 & 7 PM— Paul Merideth)</i>	<i>Bread Basket #3</i>	<i>Christmas Party 7 PM</i>	
Sun.—Dec. 13	Mon.— Dec. 14	Tues.— Dec. 15	Wed.— Dec. 16	Thurs.— Dec. 17	Fri.— Dec. 18	Sat.— Dec. 19
<i>Young At Heart Hosted Church-wide Luncheon</i>		<i>Ladies Bible Class 10 AM— Mary Beth Full</i>	<i>Bible Class (1 & 7 PM— Dennis Menear)</i>	<i>Bread Basket #2</i>		

☺ ***Young At Heart: The Family Crisis Intervention Center deeply appreciates everything you do. Thank you for all of your support and compassion. God bless. FCIC Staff***

- ➔ Mark Butterfield is collecting money to provide gifts for the kids at the former Powell Apartments again this year. The donation deadline is TODAY.
- ➔ The Stepping Stones are again selling nuts. There is a list of nuts available along with the cost of each on the foyer bulletin board. See Ginny Moss TODAY.
- ➔ Monday, December 7 will be the monthly elders and deacons' meeting in the fellowship room at 7 PM.
- ➔ The Ohio Valley University Music Department presents Sounds of the Season featuring A Cappella Singers and the Jazz Ensemble Thursday evening, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Roberts Hall. Admission is free but donations to support the two programs will be accepted.
- ➔ **There is an all-church Holiday Party planned for Friday, Dec. 11th at 7 PM in the multipurpose room. Bring finger foods, dessert or beverage and come celebrate the season and friendships. There will be some thing for everyone!** In addition to snacking and visiting, there will be several activity options available: crafts, card addressing, and gift wrapping. If you would like to donate new toys/games for some area children who lost all their belongings in fires, bring them to the party. Paper & tape will be available for wrapping. (If you prefer to make a cash donation, Sarah Shuman will collect the money to purchase gifts.) *Ages: boys 2, (2) 7 & 9; girl 2*
- ➔ Beginning Sunday, December 13th, the Sunday Morning Ladies' Bible Class will begin a new series entitled "A Study in Peace"...what it is, what it means to God, how to have it in our lives and in our hearts, and what to do when our peace is shaken. Ladies of all ages are welcome. Class meets in the multipurpose room. A study book will be provided.
- ➔ The Young At Heart will be hosting a church-wide luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 13. (See the box below.)
- ➔ We will be conducting the services at Love and Care on Sunday, Dec. 20th and Thursday, December 24. If you can, please come and encourage these senior residents as we worship and study together.
- ➔ Mark your calendar for the Winter Training Series in Dewey Avenue in St. Marys. It runs Thursday, January 7th through Thursday, January 28th. Topics are Marriage and Family, 1 Thessalonians, Sermons from Songs and Bible Geography.
- ➔ Love & Care Assisted Living is currently looking for Cook to work four (4) days per week including weekends. If you would be interested in applying for this job, please contact Love & Care at 304-863-8950 or stop by the office M-F between 9am-2pm. Please ask for DeDe.



Mission:	Donations go to:	Date needed:
Personal care items, hats, gloves and blankets for the homeless	Della Poling—Room 2	Ongoing
Clothing	Various agencies/individuals	Text or Phone Della @ 304.834.7519



All-Church Holiday Gathering
(Bring: Soup, Salad, Sandwiches and Dessert)
Multipurpose Room
Sunday, December 13, 2015
AFTER AM SERVICES

FAMILY CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER
A Safe Haven Against Domestic Violence

YAH Members: Brenda Carothers will be collecting money donations for specific needs of the FCIC.
(Please donate by no later than December 18th)

ELDERS		TODAY'S SERMONS																														
Terry Garner	304-295-6029	A.M.— “Handling Pressure” Mark Mason (Text: Mark 14:32-42) (Reading: Matthew 20:25-28)																														
Tim Kirl	304-489-1814	P.M.— “Zacchaeus” (Youth Focused Service) Mike Moss (Text: Luke 1:10)																														
Jack Long	304-295-6909	Our Nursing Home Residents																														
Mike Moss	304-699-4230																															
Jim Shuman	304-295-3138	Betty Bibbee	Eagle Point	123																												
DEACONS		Lois Miller	Ravenswood Care Ctr.	12																												
		Jerry Page	Eagle Point	334																												
Tim Baillargeon	781-249-7469	Peggy Smith	Marietta Care & Rehab	408																												
John Eckhart	304-295-7450	Jean VanSickle	Worthington	W27A																												
John Garner	304-295-0320	Walter Wigal	The Willows	206																												
Chuck Jones	304-295-7709	Myra Zinn	Cedar Grove	W 60																												
Gerald Lemley	304-295-7509	Our Members Who are Homebound																														
Dennis Menear	304-295-4228																															
Troy Miller	304-295-6729	Ruth Brookover	Gladys Frohling	Jim Hart																												
Dan Mincks	740-373-7013	Jo & Ron Kress	Laura Menear	Debbie Sherman																												
MINISTERS		Prayers for Those with Cancer: <i>Chuck Doyle, Jo Kress, Delena Joy</i> (Judy Beckett's friend), <i>Ron Robey</i> (Judy Beckett's brother), <i>Donna George</i> (Eva Leonhart's neighbor), <i>Dorothy Saunders</i> (friend of Martha & Dave Berger), <i>Faye Williams</i> (Glenda Hendrickson's niece), <i>Sharon Pugh</i> (wife of Charles Pugh), <i>Edwin Williams</i> (Glenda Hendrickson's nephew), <i>Brenda Nulter</i> (Fred Nulter's sister-in-law), <i>Mary Thompson</i> (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), <i>Emily Friar</i> (10 yr. old niece of Jim & Rita Taylor), <i>Troy Rae</i> and <i>Brandon Lynch</i> (Mary Lamp's nephews), <i>Josh Beckett</i> (Judy's great nephew), <i>Linda Beihl</i> (Luella Pickrell's niece), <i>Cassie McGinnis</i> (daughter of the late Howard Dowler), <i>Rosalee Poling</i> (sister of Laura Menear), <i>Mike Taylor</i> (Cousin of Sarah Shuman), <i>Lisa Moore & Lori Flies</i> (daughters of Mac McDonald), <i>Donald Kelley</i> (Jim's brother), <i>Jon Gregg</i> (husband of Sarah Shuman's niece, Adreama)																														
		Mark Mason	304-295-1068	Ongoing Health Problems: <i>Helen Sweeney, Ruth Brookover, Ben Colantoni, Don Bibbee, Ron Kress, Jim Kelley, Ken Lamp, Norma Craig, Glenda Hendrickson, Joe Newberry, Betty Miller, Jim Hart, Ed Lemley, Bud Nonamaker, Lois Miller, Peggy Smith, Jody Boone, Ann Grimm, Cathy Deem, Robin Wilson</i> (Mary Simon's daughter), <i>Becca Simons</i> (Mary's granddaughter), <i>Joyce Dotson, Carter Nichols</i> (Curkendall's Grandson), <i>Wayne & Sherry McCray</i> (Brother and sister-in-law of Judy Curkendall), <i>Marybelle Ice</i> (Mother of Martha Berger), <i>Tracy Sullivan & Tina Nichols</i> (Lois Miller's daughters), <i>Joseph Capobianco</i> (Nephew of Carol Cavalier), <i>Travis Parsons</i> (friend of Shirley Gilchrist), <i>Wayne Hall</i> (Karen Case's brother), <i>Ed Porter</i> (brother of Bill & cousin of Judy Curkendall), <i>Hadassa Williams, Peggy Morris</i> (friend of Ruth Fox), <i>entire Ty Elliott family</i> (Ruth Fox' son), <i>Karen Rippetto</i> (Keith's mom), <i>Kimberly Kellar Kirk</i> (niece of Judy Curkendall)																												
Stephen Walker	304-550-7732	Privileged to Serve Next Week (12/13/15—12/16/15)																														
INTERNS		Announcements— Stephen Walker, Terry Garner																														
		Visitor's Table— Alice Hale																														
Michael Rowand	864-385-4511	Ushers— Joe Carrico*, Doug Dotson, Bob Hill, Tim Collins, Joe Newberry																														
Luke Wolfe	304-615-9447	Table (Front) - Tim Collins, Ron Grizzard, Rick Kellar, Hiram Rebholz																														
Website: www.36thstreetchurch.com		Alternates— Jim Hall, Mike Hale, Tim Kirl																														
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Join Us for Worship: Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. During Standard Time (Nov.-Feb.), we also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.		Ryan Bemish (son of Debbie & Dan Sherman) <i>Army</i>																														
		Chris DePuy & wife Melanie (Jeff & Julie's son) <i>Air Force</i>																														
		Brad Gibbs & wife Amber (Grandson of Kelly & Genny Gibbs) <i>Navy</i>																														
		Joshua Rebholz (Son of Max & Grandson of Hiram & Nina Rebholz and Fred & Martha Nulter) <i>Marines</i>																														
		Chad Williamson & wife Julie (Pat Williamson's grandson) <i>Marines</i>																														
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